

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**  
**(other than claims)**

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21, which starts with "The container as noted above," with the following amended paragraph:

The container as noted above, wherein the second flange (14) and the D zone lateral rib (16) are, each at an outer edge, turned down to form a lateral tab (14a, [[16a]] 16b), the lateral tabs (14a[[, 16a]]) each including a cut point (14b[[, 16c]]) at an intermediate point thereof. Thereby reinforcement, avoidance of possible hand slips, and drainage are enhanced.

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 10, line 4, which starts with "The prescribed length D (or D zone)," with the following amended paragraph:

The prescribed length D (or D zone) at two centers on front and rear of the body 10 is available to allow engagement between the lid 2 and the container body 10. That is, the lid 2 is provided with a pair of engaging plates 2a which extend downwardly from a peripheral edge of the lid 2. (See FIG. 1, wherein the engaging plate 2a provided on the front side is seen.) And the engaging plate 2a is pierced with a pair of engaging holes 2b for engagement with a mechanism provided on the body 10 as will be noted in the following. The mechanism provided on the body 10 extending for the length D includes a D zone lateral rib 16 provided with a pair of engaging projections 16a, and a pair of lateral tabs 16b, ~~and a dividing point 16c,~~ wherein the D zone lateral rib 16 has a rim-out length comparable to the L shaped flange 12 and is positioned at a height level which is lower than the L shaped flange 12, yet slightly higher than the second flange 14, (see FIGS. 2 and 3) and then a plurality of D zone vertical ribs 17 interconnect the L shaped flange 12 and the D zone lateral rib 16, wherein the lateral interval between two adjacent D zone vertical ribs 17 is made to be 0.5 to 3.5 times the vertical interval between the L shaped flange 12 and the second flange 14 (or aspect ratio of lateral/vertical), preferably to

be one to two times. (See FIG. 2.) To continue the description, the D zone lateral rib 16 is at its edge turned down to form the lateral tab 16b having a width somewhat shorter than the D length and a height about one to two millimeters, and the D zone vertical ribs 17 each form a slanted brace extending downwardly to the upper surface edge of the engaging projection 16a for reinforcement.